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The People's Press.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 1883.

LOCAL ITEMS.

HARPER'S.—Subscriptions for all of Harper's periodicals received at this office, in clubs with the PRESS.

New Advertisements.

Petition to sell lands for assets, I. S. Call, Clerk of Wilkes Superior Court.

Null's Improved Evaporator.

It was Wm. A. Lawrence and not Willis Lawrence, who died in Old Town township.

There will be a partial eclipse of the moon, on next Sunday, 22nd inst. It will be invisible here.

Our young friend, Frank Matthews assists in doing the honors at Rytenberg Brothers store, in Winston.

The time for making the little willow whistles an indispensable nuisance belonging to the small boy, is at hand.

Internal Revenue collections in the Fifth District for the week ending Saturday April 14, 1883, \$5,136.52.

Full Moon, Sunday, 22nd, at 6 o'clock 6 minutes in the morning. We may look for Spring weather after this change of the moon.

John L. Briezt received by express, one day last week, a trio of finchlings of the White Pile, Shawl Neck and Tatar varieties.

W. W. Cook, of Kermersville town, sold two pugs of the Poland-china and large Guinea stock. They weighed twenty pounds at 6 weeks old.

N. T. Shore showed us an egg yesterday that weighed 34 ounces and measured 6 inches around one way and 5 inches the other way.

Our young friend, S. F. Patterson, has our thanks for an invitation to be present at the joint exercises of the Kaledostic and Polite Societies of the very popular Birmingham School.

Writers of "Spring Poetry" seem to have a hard time of it this year. The birds and flowers are on hand, but there has not been enough real Spring weather yet worth writing about.

The little lettuce birds are on their annual visit, and from early morn till night their merry twittering is heard as they fly from branch to branch on the shade trees about town in search of food.

Thomas Bacon, telegraph operator at Savannah, Ga., formerly operator at our depot, called on us on Saturday. Tom is looking well and we are glad to find he is filling his place with credit to the last.

M. O. S. Quito—we do not know what country he originally came from—is on his annual tour to this place. He is not a very welcome guest to have around, but is very prompt in settling his bill.

A disgraceful fight took place at the corner of Main and Old Shallowford streets, on last Sunday afternoon. It took several persons to separate the combatants and restore order, but—dogs will fight on Sunday as on other days.

Those wanting fruit trees will do well to order through Jacob Sides, who is canvassing in the interests of N. W. Craft's well known Cedar Cove Nurseries. All necessary information relative to planting trees will be given, and satisfaction guaranteed.

On Thursday afternoon of last week a friend kindly sent us a small box containing a "red bat," which he wished us to inspect. Having seen "red bats" before, it was of very little interest to us. We inspected his "red bat" however, and returned him the box with our compliments.

Sunday afternoon the weather was beautiful. Numbers of persons took advantage of it and were out riding, while others rambled about the woodlands and meadows, gathering wild flowers. A change took place during the night and Monday morning was ushered in with a regular tornado before day, accompanied with a cold rain, which lasted all day.

A darky engaged in "punching" at the photograph lottery last Saturday night, did not like the way so many blanks were being drawn, and challenged the rakes. The photographs were all taken down and when the numbers were counted the fact was revealed that all called for was there and that the darky was minus the five dollar bill put up to challenge.

An old soldier related the following anecdote, the other night, about an Irish soldier and an owl: Pat was on guard one night on the banks of the Potomac, and while walking his beat an owl a few rods off commenced hooting. Pat imagined that it was some one saying "W-h-o w-h-o a-e-yo." He listened attentively, and as the owl repeated its hooting, Pat yelled out: "Be jibbers, I'm Pat Murphy, of Company K., who the devil are you."

While the bear show was traveling from Kernersville to Winston they put up camp near this place. One of the women belonging to the concern went to the house of a farmer, near by, to purchase some fodder.

"How much do you want?" asked the farmer.

"I'll give you 50 cents for what I can carry," said the woman.

"Agreed," said the farmer, as he thought of the good price he was going to get for his fodder.

The half dollar was handed to the farmer, and while he threw the fodder from the stack the woman drew a long rope from under her shawl, and stretching it out on the ground began to pack away the fodder until a small one-horse wagon load was packed up, when she tied the rope around it and shouldering it marched back to the camp, leaving the farmer to calculate, as he looked after her in astonishment, how much he had lost by the transaction.

E. T. B. Glenn, late Assistant Superintendent on the Southern Maryland Railroad, and a native of Rockingham County, N. C., is at Salem Hotel, visiting his mother. Mr. Glenn goes West, to his uncle, Col. Dodge, in a few weeks.

CHICKEN THIEVES, WATCH DOG, PISTOL AND A SCARED YOUNG MAN.—Chicken thieves having committed depredations upon the henry of one of our citizens, he concluded to watch his premises one night last week. Arming himself with a huge pistol he took a position in the barn, where he could have a full view of the surroundings without being seen. Time passed slowly on, but no thief, or any one else disturbed the watcher, and he was about to abandon the watch for that night when some one opened the front gate and turned in the watch dog from off the street. No sooner was the dog in the yard than he found somebody was about, and he set up a brisk barking. It was a well known young man, a brother of the one watching for thieves, who turned the dog in, but he was not aware that any watching was going on, and as the dog kept on barking, it occurred to him that probably a chicken thief was about again, he rushed out into the yard and began hissing the dog on. "Here, here, sick him, fellow!" shouted the young man as he clapped his hands. The man on the lookout saw all that was going on, and thought it was about time to have a little fun at the young man's expense. Clapping the pistol, he left his place of concealment in the stable and can towards the young man, flourishing the weapon in the air as he went. The dog recognized his master and quieted down, but the young man thought that he was a goner, and in his endeavors to run into the house he fell over a pile of rock, and seeing that he was at the mercy of his pursuer, who he imagined held a huge bowie-knife in his hand, began hugging so piteously for his life to be spared that his tormentor could hold in no longer, but burst into a fit of laughter which greatly relieved the young man, as he now found out who the author of his fright was, and there was no danger of his life at the hands of a chicken thief.

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